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St. Mary's Seminary Junior College
St. Mary's City, Maryland

Dedication

WE POINT WITH PRIDE

We, the Graduates of 1950, take pleasure in introducing you to our popular Registrar, Miss Louise K. Rotha. However, that is only a part of her title at St. Mary's. Miss Rotha also serves as advisor to the Student-Faculty Government Association and is science instructor at the college.

A resident of Waynesville, North Carolina, Miss Rotha attended the local high school there. Upon graduation, she enrolled at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, where she majored in chemistry. Since graduation from the Woman's College, Miss Rotha has done graduate work at the University of Chicago, where she obtained her master's degree, New York University, and Duke University.

Miss Rotha has taught at both Salisbury and Kingston, North Carolina; and Tarpon Springs, Florida. She came to St. Mary's in the Fall of 1942. During the second semester of 1947-48, Miss Rotha served as acting president of St. Mary's and deserves highest praise for the commendable job she did at that time.

Although very fond of chemistry, Miss Rotha's interests are by no means confined to that field. She likes history, and has recently become particularly interested in Maryland history, especially so in that of St. Mary's County. She thoroughly enjoys good conversation and keeps up with current events in all fields.



LOUISE K. ROTH

One of her hobbies is collecting records, but it may be said that Miss Rotha's favorite hobby is the girls of St. Mary's. She is very proud of their records and achievements both at St. Mary's and at other colleges.

We think that St. Mary's is indeed fortunate to have so fine a gentlewoman as Miss Louise K. Rotha among the faculty members. Through her eight years of service, she has been the admiration of all who know her.

As the time of departure grows near, we, the Graduates of 1950, pause for a moment, and in unison, pay tribute to one who has faithfully been friend, confidant, and counselor to us all, Miss Louise K. Rotha. As a lasting symbol of our love and respect, we dedicate this, our yearbook, to you, Miss Rotha.

The Campus



Faculty



MAY RUSSELL, President

A.B., Western Maryland College
M.A., Teachers College, Columbia
University

Graduate Study:

Johns Hopkins University
University of Michigan
Harvard University

TOLBERT G. GRIFFIN,

Mathematics and Psychology

B.S., Birmingham Southern College,
Birmingham, Alabama

M.A., Teachers College, Columbia
University

Graduate Study, Columbia University



MARY EMMA BOGGAN, English
B.S., Delta State Teachers College,
Cleveland, Mississippi
M.A., Teachers College, Columbia
University



BETTY ESKRIGGE, Physical Education
B.S., Mississippi State College for
Women, Columbus, Mississippi
Graduate Study, Florida State University



MARGUERITE CUSTIS, Business
B.S., Mary Washington College of the
University of Virginia
M.A., Teachers College, Columbia
University



MARY EMILY HAYES, Art
B.F.A., The University of Georgia,
Athens, Georgia
Graduate Study, The University of
Georgia

POLLY SMITH, Home Economics
B.S., Hood College, Frederick, Maryland
M.A., Teachers College, Columbia
University
Graduate Study, The Pennsylvania
State College



MARGARET BERNICE GAY, Music
B.M., Bellhaven College, Jackson,
Mississippi
M.M., Louisiana State University
Graduate Study:
Cincinnati Conservatory of Music
Christiansen Choral School
Mississippi Southern College



**CLAIRE V. STICKNEY,
French, Latin, Spanish**

Early Education, Notre Dame de la
Compassion, Hauteville et St. Dennis,
France
A.B. and M.A., Catholic University,
Washington, D. C.
Graduate Study, Middlebury College,
Vt. and The University of Havana



GERTRUDE TURNBURKE, Speech, Drama
A.B., State Teachers College, Montclair,
New Jersey
M.A., Teachers College, Columbia
University
Graduate Study, Fordham University

Not pictured:

MRS. HELEN L. MANSON, Librarian
Library School, George Peabody College

BETTY CAROL CLUTTS, Social Studies
B. A., Woman's College of University of North
Carolina
M.A., University of North Carolina

**MRS. JULIA M. HALSTEAD,
Housekeeper, Housemother**

ETHEL CHANCE, Secretary and Accountant

ANNA SANDNER, Secretary



Seniors

TO THE SENIORS:

The world is looking back at the passing of a half-century and marking the progress of that period.

I look back on our years together and consider the development and the growth of each of us. I regard with pride the accomplishments of the Senior Class of 1950 and feel glad that I have been privileged to serve as president of this class. It is with confidence that I look forward to fifty and more years of success and happiness for each of you.

B. J.

BETTY JAYNE LAUFER, President

*"For aught that I could ever read,
Could ever hear by tale of history
The course of true love never did run smooth."*

Hockey J., V., 3, 4; May Day 4; Cheerleader 3, 4; Class Pres. 4; Paper 3; CASTELLAN, Bus. Mgr. 4; Social Calendar Committee Sec'y; Expansion Tours 3, 4; Home Ec. Club 3, 4; Nat'l Student Ass'n 4; Jr. College Conference 3, 4.

(Two-year student)

A little miss with a finger in every pie is our capable Senior President. Her interests lie in varied fields and helped St. Mary's to a step further. A presiding factor in Bee Jay's life is a certain boy named Earl; and it could be for this reason that she is a Home Ec. major. With her winning smile and interest in people, we are sure she will go far and be a great success.

"Bee Jay"



JOYCE DAWN BUSIC, Vice-President

*"O Heavens! were man
But constant, he were perfect."*

Council V. P. 4; A. A. Board Treas. 4; Varsity Basketball 3, 4; Varsity Hockey 4; Varsity Volleyball 3; Class V. P. 4; CASTELLAN 3, 4; Jr. College Conference 4; Choir 3, 4; Nat'l Student Ass'n 4; May Princess 3; Apple Blossom Princess 4; Home Ec. Club 3, V. P. 4; Samadra 3, Custodian 4; Superlative—Prentiest; Fashion Queen.

(Two-year student)

Looking for beauty, talent and brains? You don't have to go far to find it as it is all rolled into one gal named Joyce. Her contrasting fair skin, dark hair, and blue eyes proves the beauty of our choice for Apple Blossom Princess. A big link in the chain of sports would be missing without her presence as she has a great interest in all sports, particularly basketball. She is a very capable vice-president and has helped many a person with a willing hand and cheery smile. Personality bubbles over from her and her future looks quite promising with hopes of modeling and being an air line hostess. We know you will succeed, Joyce.



Seniors



ELIZABETH GRASON McWILLIAMS, Secretary "Mac"

"He does it with better grace, but I do it more natural."

S.F.G.A. Court 4; AA Board V. P. 4; Class Sec'y 4; CASTELLAN 4; May Day 3, 4; Public Relations Committee 4; Jr. College Conference 3; Samadra 3, 4; Panel Board 3; Superlative—Brainchild.

(Two-year student)

A conscientious student who is really stacked—with brains—is our friend and associate, "Mac". She is always ready to lend a helping hand and an encouraging smile to anyone. Just turn her around to see the comical side of her life with her sly jokes and puns. The Senior Class would be lacking one of its finest points without her; and she has certainly proven her ability to get ahead in the future.



MARY LOU MUMFORD, Treasurer "Mumf"

"Every man for himself and God for all."

Council 3, 4; Class Treas. 4; Paper 3, 4; CASTELLAN 3; Choir 3, 4; May Day 3, 4; King's Daughter's Committee 4; Orientation Committee 4; Jr. College Conference 3, V. P. 4; Expansion Tours 3; French Club Treas. 4; Home Ec. Club 4; Samadra 3, 4, Treas. 3; Panel Board 3.

(Two-year student)

Our "Mumf" is a quiet gal except when you get her on the subject of the Eastern Shore, and especially Ocean City. She blushes easily; but she sure knows her stuff when asked to sing. She has been an outstanding member of her class and extra-curricular activities.

Seniors

JARVIS CLAYPOOLE

"If words were dollars, what a millionaire she'd be."
 Paper 2; CASTELLAN 4; Artist's and Lecture Committee 4;
 U. S. O. Chairman 4; Samedra, Custodian 3, Pres. 4; Superla-
 tive—Best Actress.

(Three-year student)

With that deep throaty voice and hearty laugh we know it is the actress of our class, Jarvis. Her interests lie in dramatics, whether it be on stage or back stage, and her capabilities are proven as such. This also carries over to art for which she has a great love, besides Edward, that is! As a friend to all, she is ready to lend a sympathetic ear and cheer you with a smile. Judging from her past, a successful future is in sight.



ANN ECHOLS LEWIS

"They are never alone that are accompanied with noble thoughts."
 Council 3, Pres. 4; Varsity Hockey 3; Varsity Volleyball 3;
 J. V. Hockey 4; Cheerleader 3, 4; Class Treas. 3; Paper 3, 4;
 CASTELLAN 3, 4; Choir 3, 4; May Day 3; May Court 4; As-
 sembly Committee 3; Library Committee 5; Orientation Com-
 mittee 4; Jr. College Conference 3, 4; Expansion Tours 3;
 Spirit of Christmas 4; Superlative—Most Likely to Succeed;
 Most Versatile.

(Two-year student)

This talented Sen Fem is better known around S. M. S. circles as our Student Council President. She is respected by all for the grand job she is doing. To see Ann is to like her; for it will be a long time before we forget her bubbling laugh and her knack for cheerleading.





DELORES RUTH PARKS

"Delores"
*"Happy am I, from care I'm free. Why aren't
 they all contented like me?"*

Paper 1, 2, 3, 4; CASTELLAN 3, 4; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Samadra
 Club 1, 2; Commercial Club 1, 2, 3; Superlative—Wittiest.

(Four-year student)

When you hear that hearty laugh, then see a big smile, we know it is our peppy and vivacious Senior, Delores. With mischief a-foot and fun involved she is ready with a helping hand, but whether it be work or play, Delores is the friend to have. Her interests lie in the Art field in which she has proven her ability. After her four years at St. Mary's she has led in sports, studies, and in developing an all around personality. Luck to all you desire in the future.



JERALDINE RICKERT

"Jerry"
*"From the crown of his head to the sole of his
 foot, he is all mirth."*

Council 3, Sec'y; A. A. Board 2, 3, 4; Varsity Hockey 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity Basketball 3, 4; Varsity Volleyball 2, 3, 4; Varsity Softball 2, 3, 4; Class Sec'y 3; Paper 3, Editor 4; CASTELLAN 3, 4; Choir 2, 3; May Day 3; Orientation Committee 2; Expansion Tours 3, 4; French Club 1; Samadra 1, 2; Commercial Club 1; Aquacade 2; Swimming Team 3; Superlative—Athletic Ace; Most Mischievous; Most Typical Sem-Fem; Most Vivacious—Cutest Sem-Fem.

(Four-year student)

Whether it be basketball, volleyball, softball, or hockey, this petite Sem-fem excels in all fields. Her abilities and interest, however, are not limited to athletics only, but she has enthusiastically guided many class activities and proved herself a capable leader of numerous class teams and projects.

Seniors

MARY JUNE ROBERTSON

"Good nature is a sign of a large and generous soul."

A. A. Pres. 4; Varsity Volleyball 3; Varsity Softball 3, 4;
J. V. Hockey 3, 4; CASTELLAN 4; Samadra 3; May Queen 4;
May Day 3; Social Relations Committee 3, 4; Expansion
Tours 4; Home Ec. Club 4; Superlative—Personality Queen;
Most Popular.

"Robbie"

(Two-year student)

The pert and pretty gal with those dark curls is our well known for a cheery, sunny smile and her willingness to help. She is recognized by her cry for "Lee Lee" down the hall, or, of course, the great attraction in the Junior class. . . . Whether it be a dorm party or a dance, it will always be a success with a lively gal like Robbie present. Hats off to you!



EDITH ANNE ROBINSON

"What is living without loving?"

"Edie"

Paper 3; CASTELLAN 4; Choir 3, 4; Assembly Committee 4;
Orientation Committee 4; Jr. College Conference 3; Expansion
Tours 3, 4; Home Ec. Club 4; Samadra 3, 4; Panel Board
3; Superlative—Most Musical.

(Two-year student)

This gal is valuable marriage material (for Bud). The smile on her face sparkles almost as much as the ring on her finger. There is time for work and time for play. No one knows this more than our Edie, who is always ready to help with any problem brought to her.



Seniors



MARY ALICE WAESCHE
"A friend is never known till a man have need."
"Waesch"
 Council 4; CASTELIAN 3, 4; Choir 3, 4; Artists and Lecture 3;
 King's Daughter's Committee 3; Orientation Committee 4;
 Library 3; Plant Committee 4; Jr. College Conference 3;
 French Club 3; Pres. 4; Home Ec. Club 4; Samadra 3, 4.

(Two-year student)
"Waesch" is the senior with the infectious giggle. She is always smiling and happy. To see that smile broaden, just ask her about Bense, if she doesn't beat you to the draw and tell you about him first. Once a friend, always a friend, a friend to every one for this gal treasures friendship.



MARY LEE WITZKE
"Lee Lee"
 "Lee Lee" has been one of twelve outstanding members of the mid-century Senior Class. She was president of the Home Economics Club and a Senior Representative on May Court. She was most cooperative in class activities, carrying out her part of the responsibility whenever called upon to do so — a real credit to her class.

Senior Class History

Our class dates from September of 1945. Seven of us had graduated from the high school division and already "knew the ropes": Jerry Rickert, Delores Parks, Jarvis Claypoole, Joanne Munson, Elaine Symons, Bertha Stone, and Laura Jo Muessen. They pitched right in to help the new Juniors adjust to Seminary life. Also new was Miss May Russell, who succeeded Miss France as President, and the advances we made in our two years here were in no small way attributable to her help and guidance.

To get started as a class we held our elections. The results were Laura Jo Muessen, President; Joanne Munson, Vice-President; Jerry Rickert, Secretary; and Mary Lou Mumford, Treasurer. With our Miss Clutts's advice we laid plans for the forthcoming year. Right away we saw our classmates were really active members of Seminary organizations. Jerry Rickert was student council Secretary, and Junior council members were Joanne Munson, Mary Lou Mumford, and Ann Lewis. Junior Athletic Board members were Jerry Rickert, Secretary, and later Mary Jane Wiles for Rec Games. Mary Lou Mumford was Samadra's Treasurer and Jarvis Claypoole, its Custodian.

Memorable events of our first year included the A. A. Fall Prom, our "Autumn Serenade," November 6; our first Junior King's Daughters program on November 7; the Junior-Freshman play which we worked on for months, with stars Laura Jo Muessen and Bertha Stone.

We lost one member of our class Thanksgiving — Elaine Symons with her memorable accordion. With December came the *Baltimore Sunday Sun* to photograph our Pageant as representing the true "Spirit of Christmas." At our first Christmas Banquet we presented our skit, an original play written by Jerry Rickert and Laura Jo Muessen.

We returned with the New Year, January, and basketball season. Our varsity stars were Joyce Busic, Laura Jo Muessen, Jerry Rickert, Bertha

Stone, and Jackie Weaver. Too soon came examining—and cramming. At the end of the semester Molly Marshall left us for a Navy wedding, but we added Byrd Lynch to our roll.

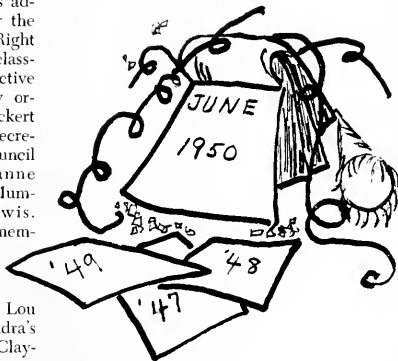
February brought the cut system to the Seminary. Fortunate Juniors who made the Honor Roll and received the most cuts were Mary Lou Mumford, Ann Lewis, and Laura Jo Muessen. February 26 was our exciting game with Mt. Rainier, which we lost by one bitter point. That night was the Basketball Bounce—really a credit to the A. A. On March 26 was the spring play, "Only an Orphan Girl"—an old-fashioned melodrama complete with peanuts and can-can—will we ever forget Joyce Busic, Shirley Wilson, and Mary Jane Wiles—or Norma Weaver as "torch singers"? Junior members of the cast were Laura Jo Muessen and Betty McWilliams.

April brought the conference of the Maryland Association of Junior Colleges at Towson State Teachers—and many Juniors went. Later our Mary Lou Mumford was made Vice-President of the organization. Many Juniors were in the modern dance depiction of the Legend of Lorelei on May Day—the first rainless one in five years! Our Junior

princess was lovely Joyce Busic, looking perfectly beautiful in her lavender dress.

On May 21 we took our suspicious Seniors down to the water—and a boatrike, picnic, and what turned out to be a "sub-zero" temperature. We all huddled in blankets and sang and tried to stop our older sisters from being too weepy. Everything piled up on us now—and practically before we knew it exams were over. Graduation week rushed by, and we were sad to see the graduates go—perhaps glad that we were returning for another year at St. Mary's.

In another week some of us—Seniors now—went to Ocean City to stay with Mary Lou Mumford. Our class reunion was planned for the last of August at Bee Jay Laufer's Pinelhurst



home — but only Jackie Weaver, Barbara Friend, and Bce Jay were able to go.

And so another summer passed, but to return to the Seminary as *Seniors* was quite a thrill. Our Senior class officers elected the spring before were Bette Jayne Laufer, President; Joyce Busic, Vice-President; Betty McWilliams, Secretary; Mary Lou Mumford, Treasurer, and Miss Smith class advisor.

Student Government Association President was Ann Lewis, with Joyce Busic serving as Vice-President. Senior council members were Mary Lou Mumford and Mary Alice Waesche, and Betty McWilliams was a permanent court member. Seniors on the Athletic Board were Mary June Robertson, President; Betty McWilliams, Vice-President; Jerry Rickert, Secretary; Joyce Busic, Treasurer, with Bette Jayne Laufer as Cheerleading Chairman. Three of us were Samadra officers — Laura Jo Muessen, President; Jarvis Claypoole, Vice-President, and Joyce Busic, Custodian. With all this organization and work before us we set off on a busy year.

Our first project as a Senior Class was the D. A. R. luncheon sponsored jointly by the Senior and Sophomore classes. Our Senior Assembly was on October 26. It was done on the pattern of a television program, complete with "controls," commercials, and giveaways. To celebrate winning the major prize, a "\$25,000 painting," our Miss Smith invited us to its "unveiling" in the Home Ec cottage. We arrived with varying ideas of appropriate dress — to eat the most wonderful food and have the most wonderful time ever.

The Fall Prom on November 12 was *One Enchanted Evening*. In November Samadra proudly presented the fall play, "Jane Eyre," with Seniors Laura Jo Muessen, Joyce Busic, and Mary Lou Mumford in the cast.

The highlight of December was Christmas — and for us Seniors that meant the Senior-Sophomore Bazaar. To carry out our theme of Christmas Toyland, all Seniors and Sophomores wore toy costumes to the bazaar. The Pageant too involved many Seniors. For weeks we had been speculating as to the identity of the Spirit of Christmas. When Ann Lewis came out with her white taper we were all gratified, for she is truly representative of all the connotations of the Spirit of Christmas — and of St. Mary's. The Banquet brought sentiment flowing to our eyes; not that were sad — but it was our last together. We were a proud, proud group when our skit, "The Littlest Angel," won first prize. Jerry Rickert

was chosen as Santa Claus — and a jolly, generous one she was, too.

In January our class crew hats arrived — with "Seniors" boldly emblazoned in green and white. For days afterwards we went through the halls proudly announcing our class by hat and by song. Basketball season also started — Senior varsity members were Joyce Busic and Jerry Rickert. Also came exams — and when we found we'd survived, we let out our breath — and went home. When we returned we were surprised — some of us dismayed — that our USO was closed for good. With it went an important phase of Saturday night entertainment. The situation was remedied by the privilege to go to movies with dates on both Saturday nights and Sunday afternoons.

An important step in the growth of St. Mary's was joining the Mason-Dixon Conference of the National Students' Association. Seniors made this possible by appropriating the membership fee. Our delegates to N. S. A. conferences were Bette Jayne Laufer and Joyce Busic.

Our King's Daughters program was a presentation of records from the ballet "Swan Lake." On February 22 we gave our Miss Smith a surprise party in the little smoker to celebrate her birthday and to show our appreciation for all she had done for us. Two days later was the Basketball Hop and another exciting game, with Mt. Rainier.

A big event was the Junior College Conference at Hagerstown Junior College on March 25. Several members of the Senior Class went as representatives. We really pitched in with work on the Maryland Historical Pageant for May. This entailed hard work for everyone — in rehearsals, crew, costumes, and publicity. Practice also started for the modern dance program on May Day as well as preparations for the May Prom. Volleyball season was here and on days when the sun was out it seemed that sunbathing season was here, too.

When we returned from the Easter holidays the new honor system was introduced. We had been working to attain this for some time and now it was an actuality. Seniors instrumental in its adoption were Bette Jayne Laufer and Joyce Busic. We felt it was the most important step in our growth as individuals and as a school we had made in the whole year. At the end of April we sent our lovely Joyce Busic to Winchester, Virginia, as the St. Mary's princess for the Apple Blossom Festival.

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Class Will

WE, THE SENIOR CLASS OF 1950, BEING OF SOUND MIND AND BODY, DO HEREBY LEAVE THIS, OUR LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT, IN THIS FASHION, TO THE MEMBERS OF ST. MARY'S SEMINARY WHO WILL FOLLOW US.

I, JOYCE DAWN BUSIC, do hereby will and bequeath my ability for balancing equations to any junior who enters into the field of science, and to Mary Anne Harryman my recipe for making custards.

I, BETTE JAYNE LAUFER, do hereby will and bequeath my position on Varsity basketball to Bert Horsmon in hopes that she makes the team next year; to my little sis, Louise Campbell, all my beaus at the U. S. O.; and my job (!) as Senior Class President to anyone who thinks he can handle it!

I, ANN ECHOLS LEWIS, do hereby will and bequeath my naturally curly hair and Woodbury complexion to Shandron Moore with the sincere hope that she can do more with them this next year than I have managed to do in nineteen; to Sue Chambers I leave my ability to arrive at Miss Rotha's classes on time as well as my knack for starting long-term assignments two nights before deadline; to Beverly Sewell and all the Sem Fems and Sem Men a part of my treasured memories of good fun and fellowship at St. Mary's.

I, DELORES PARKS, do hereby will and bequeath my 20-20 vision to Joyce Bedell; my height to Alma Waters; and my "no parking" signs to my roommate, Joan Whelpley.

I, ELIZABETH MC WILLIAMS, do hereby will and bequeath my appetite to Mary Louise Bratt; my chemistry notes (with interpreter) to my little sis, Barbara Burkley; and my arguments to anyone with better ones.

I, JERALDINE RICKERT, do hereby will and bequeath my love for "Bill" Lawrence to Sue Chambers; my pleasure obtained from smoking in the dorm to Mary Lou Pinder; and my after-hour pranks to Helen Davis.

I, EDITH ANNE ROBINSON, do hereby will

and bequeath, my abundance of hair to "Shan" Moore who has been taking it from me all year; and to my little sis, my senior hat.

I, MARY LEE WITZKE, do hereby will and bequeath a reserved spot in the shadow of the "Peace Monument" on the Gettysburg Battle Field to my sister, Barbara Ann; to Sue Chambers a pulley system so she can always keep in touch with the girls on the second floor; and to Alma Waters, my little sis, a "kocka" to help brighten the dark moments at S. M. S. Also to Beverly Sewell, an unlimited supply of Tender Leaf tea.

I, MARY JUNE ROBERTSON, do hereby will and bequeath my "little old chair" and Chris to my roommate Betty Resh; my appetite to Mary Lou Pinder; and to my little sis, Calysta Burkley, "Stanpaulboyes" with permission to change his name.

I, MARY LOU MUMFORD, do hereby will and bequeath my theme song "The Man I Love" to Joan Courtney; to Carter Cobb my great skill in modern dance; and to some unfortunate soul, my "Duty" on Sunday night.

I, LOUISE JARVIS CLAYPOOLE, do hereby will and bequeath my painting entitled "Sun Set" to my little sis, Olive Sibly, to do with as she sees fit; to my roommate, Jean Morris, I leave the sincere hope that next year's roommate is not an Art Major; to Betsy Briscoe my ability to get along with sailors and my good times at the base; and to Lee Adams, frequent trips to Baltimore in hopes that he finds as much enjoyment there as I do.

I, MARY ALICE WAESCHE, do hereby will and bequeath to my little sis, Joan Whelpley, my love for bridge in the smoker but have hopes that she will not trump her own tricks as is my favorite habit; to Joanie Maust, my seat in the smoker; and to all present and incoming Sem Fems and Sem Men, best wishes for a wonderful and happy stay at S. M. S.

WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR CLASS OF ST. MARY'S SEMINARY-JUNIOR COLLEGE HAVE SUBSCRIBED OUR SEAL THIS FIFTH DAY OF JUNE, 1950, AT THE CITY OF ST. MARY'S, IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

Senior Prophecy

It's here. It's come! The day of all days and the reunion of all reunions—a White House luncheon for the Sem Fems of '50! Why, Frisky, twelve years ago when I was just a little mouse, I lived around the pipes in Dolores Parks room at dear ole S.M.S. and I said to myself that June 5th, when I saw those twelve Seniors graduate, that this was a class with whom I wanted to keep in touch always. You'll see why as soon as you meet them. I'll try to keep you posted as they arrive.

Of course, you are already well acquainted with President McWilliams. And Frisky, Betty Mac is *not* too young to be president. No—not any longer. I guess you can't remember the Constitutional Amendment passed a few years ago stating that women Presidents of the United States need only be twenty-five years old when they take office. The men, of course, must still be thirty-five, but that's because Congress felt that nowadays a woman can take over the reigns of executive power and get things done at least 10 years before a man is capable of doing the same. And especially did Congress feel this to be true in President McWilliams' case. Why, with her previous record as Maryland State's Attorney and her expert standing in the scientific world, she has reached just about what her classmates of '50 expected of her.

Look! A car is coming up the driveway. Move over, Frisky! You don't need the *entire* window-sill, you know. Let's see who this is now. Hmm. Rather tall, blond hair, winsome smile—Lee Lee! Mary Lee Witzke is the one I'll bet. But what's that under her arm? Oh, no! Not Beauty Counselor Products! But that's Lee Lee—business first. And her business I understand is to make the American woman sit up and take notice of herself. "Make the most of what you have and you'll have a lot more of it" is her motto—and Bill's, of course, too! Why, someone else is getting out. "Bye, Frank," she said. Let me think. Frank—Frank—where have I heard that name before? With Robbie, of course. That's Mary June Robertson of Powers fame. She's private secretary to Mr. Powers himself and still models for him. For old times sake she helps out her school-day employers, Sears, Roebuck, occasionally, but most of her work is "on the runway". Most interesting, I'd say!

Speaking of models and clothes, Frisky, do you remember that satin gown you lunched on yesterday? That was a "Joyce Creation" designed by Joyce Busic. She has sole priority on the designs for the gowns of Queen Shendoah and her princesses at the Apple Blossom festival each year, and between orders such as this necessitating several round trips per season from her Paris home to New York and keeping up with her husband's social life in diplomatic circles, she finds herself quite busy.

Listen! A siren! Someone must be hurt! But certainly *not* here, Mister—don't turn that ambulance into our drive. It's Geraldine Rickert—up to her old pranks! Imagine anyone blaring down Pennsylvania Avenue and into the White House drive for no good reason—other than the fact that she's of the class of '50, of course, and that's what counts today! Never thought you'd actually get to see a big softball star like Jerry, did you, son? Well, there she is—the best first baseman the Femme Fatale Fanatics ever had. Of course, now that she has her B. N., her line of work has changed a bit, and she is supervising all of the exercise given to convalescents in rehabilitation centers. That's what I call making the most of what you have! I wish she'd turn off that siren though—it's getting hard on my ears. And Dolores Parks and Jarvis Claypoole feel the same way. They certainly did fall out in a hurry.

Now here we have an example of teamwork, Frisky. De has been a top-flight commercial artist for several years now and Jarvis has been teaching dramatics and social studies since 1951. But on the side they both sponsor the "Ask Jarvis" TV show which advertises

SEN-I-OR toothpaste. Each week Jarvis takes her audience on a trip through time and we see how people have brushed their teeth throughout all the centuries. We see the crowbar teething rings used by babies of prehistoric man and we see the crowbar teething rings used by babies of today whose mothers use SEN-I-OR! De, of course, does all of the nation-wide advertising and designs the toothpaste tubes. It's quite a growing business so I hear. But, Frisky, don't you ever use SEN-I-OR for I hear that it floats your teeth right down your throat!

Speaking of teachers, another one of the class is doing quite well at it. Mary Lou Mumford is teaching philosophy and English literature at Salisbury State Teachers. She just couldn't leave the Ocean Breezes. But just you mind and never say anything to Lou about that curly, red hair or the Eastern shore for those Eastern shoremen are more loyal than Texans, I do believe! I understand she still entertains at reunions, too, and at present she's busily engaged in writing a book entitled *Twelve Little Sem Fems and How They Grew*. It should be quite terrific!

Look, Frisky, a station wagon is turning in. The lettering on the door says "Mary Alice's Day Nursery". That's Mary Alice Waesche and I see Lou is with her, too. Waesche has quite a thriving business with the little ones. And it's such a service to working parents. Edith Anne Robinson, who is getting out with Ann Lewis, is her extra nurse, though as I understand it, Edie has increased Waesche's enrollment a bit herself. Ann is a social worker right here in Washington, and with the sponsorship of Senator Earle Gerding, and again the help of Edie Anne, she maintains the free SEN-I-OR toothpaste clinic where people from all over the country come to brush their teeth with SEN-I-OR! For contrast she drops in to see Betty Mac at the White House occasionally. Of course, you know all about that, Frisky, since you so rudely went running out at the wrong time one day and spoiled a perfectly good joke Ann was telling. What was it? Something about Maw and Paw and raisin' biscuits. I can't quite remember now.

What's Waesche doing jumping up and down and spouting numbers like that? Oh, I know—counting the days until . . . who knows what she's counting them for this time. She already *Has Buns*!

Well, let's take inventory, Frisky. There are eleven present which means one to come yet, Bette Jayne Lauffer. We couldn't possibly start without our B. J. for she's the president of the class. B. J. is very well known in all Capitol Hill society as a wonderful boon to any party with her wit and good humor. As a senator's wife she has to be on her toes all of the time and especially since she is campaigning herself for next year's elections. She and Earle both belong to Betty Mac's political party which really forms quite a trio for carrying out Earle's plans for setting our National politics on a good sound basis! Ah, here she comes now and right on time, too. Jarvis is going out to meet her and that reminds me, Frisky! I haven't warned you about that girl! Ear is an avid fan of the quaint old art of hypnosis, so don't ever let her eye catch yours. First thing you know you'll be standing on your hind feet and shouting "Hail to the King of Iceland!"

One Dozen Sem-Fems! We might as well slide down the drapes and get settled in a good box-seat before the "show" starts, Frisky. It's always a once-in-a-lifetime experience when this group gets together! Wait a minute. Do I hear the patter of tiny feet outside the window? I certainly do. It's Miss Polly Smith, manager of Smith's Towne House and sponsor of the Sem-Fems of '50. That sign she's carrying with a "Senior" crew hat perched on top says:

"It's a Great Life if you don't weaken!"

Sophomores

TO THE SOPHOMORES:

In these past two years our class has gone through many experiences together. Some of these experiences have been trying, some funny, but most have been wonderful ones which we shall cherish as happy memories in the years to come. All of these experiences, however, have added the proper amount of seasoning to our class and have made it one of which I know each and every one of us will always be proud to have been a member.

—BETTY TURNER.

Sophomores



BETTY TURNER, President

"Turner"

"Knowledge is power."

Student Council 1, 2; Samadra 1, 2; Class Pres. 2; Glee Club 1; King's Daughters Committee 1; Plant Improvement Committee 2; Yearbook Staff 1, 2; Paper Staff 1; Superlative —Most Versatile; Brain Child.

(Two-year student)

Betty, one of our Navy Juniors, is one of the most intelligent girls in the Sophomore Class. Besides being a whiz in French, she exceeds in almost anything you give her to do. Betty also has other interests, and shows this by the sparkling diamond on her left hand. Because of her many contributions, S. M. S. will never forget her.



ALICE THOMPSON, Vice President "Thompson"

"Be silent and safe — silence never betrays you."
Sec'y 2; V. Pres. 3; Choir 1, 2, 3; Samadra 2, 3; Varsity Volleyball 2; Yearbook Staff 2, 3; Paper Staff 2, 3; Home Ec. Club 1, 2, 3.

(Two and one-half year student)

To say that Alice is inimitable and indispensable to our class hardly describes her. "Indispensable" includes her natural graciousness and capability as vice president of our class and as an outstanding citizen. "Inimitable" might mean only that warmly enthusiastic personality which simply overflows with charm. Her kindness and consideration will make Alice a great loss to our class.

Sophomores

CHARLOTTE STANTON, Secretary
*"She kept the belt of love, and oh, but she was gay!
 She danced a jig, she sang a song that took his heart
 away."* "Stanton"

Student Council 3; Varsity Basketball 2; Samadra 1; Class
 Pres. 2; Class Sec'y 3; A. A. Board 2; Court 3; May Day 2;
 Castellan Staff 1, 2, 3; Paper Staff 1, 2, 3; Choir 1, 2, 3;
 Superlative—Most Vivacious.

(Three-year student)

Have you ever heard the patter of feet on Sunday morning? If you have, you can be sure that this is Charlotte, our girl from the "Good part of Maryland" a sub-freshman. She is planning to leave us this year, but we know that she will be in good hands. There is a fellow by the name of Sammy who should do a very good job. Good-bye, Charlotte, and good luck.



GEORGIA BENNETT, Treasurer
"The world's a stage on which all parts are played." "Georgia"
 Choir 2; Samadra 2; Class Treas.; Superlative—Most Likely to Succeed.

(One-year student)

Under Georgia's sophisticated exterior and subtle wit, enhanced by her titian hair, is originality and rollicking humor. Georgia demonstrates her talents in the former field not only in the classroom, but on the stage as a very talented actress. Georgia's surging ambition will be an asset in her future career in the field of science.

Sophomores



DIANE BILLINGS

"Billie"

"It matters not how long you live, but how well."

French Club 2; Jr. Cheerleader 2; Choir 2; Social Committee 2; Samadra 2; Superlative—Cutest Sem-Fem.

(One-year student)

That streak of lightning that just flashed by was Diane. Maybe she is practicing for her cheerleading or making that dash for the phone. Diane is one of those people with that extra something which makes itself evident in her art work. Her slender gracefulness accentuates her natural youthful exuberance.

MARY LOUISE BRATT

"Bratt"

"Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested."

Samadra 1, 2; French Club Secretary 2; Varsity Hockey 2; May Day 1; Yearbook Staff 2; Superative—Most Mischievous.

(Two-year student)

Behind that cloud of smoke we find the Sophomores' one and only Bratt. She can always find the time to join in any merrymaking or mischief that may be going on in the dorm, that is, if she is not responsible for it in the beginning. Our Bratt has that inexhaustible energy that has enabled her to become goalie on the Varsity hockey team and sub on the Varsity basketball team. Although Bratt is leaving St. Mary's this year, she intends to continue her schooling elsewhere, in hopes that sometime in the near future she may be a registered nurse.



Sophomores

CATHERINE COOKSEY

"When silence speaks for love she has much to say."
"Cooksey"

Castellan Staff 1, 2; French Club 1; Samadra 1; Choir 1; May Court 1; Court 2; Orientation Committee 2; Superlative—Personality Queen; Most Popular.

(Two-year student)

"Cooksey" is one of the most popular Sophomore graduates, due to her Southern hospitality and generosity. She has a fine sense of humor, brought out in her speech in class, as well as in her speech to her many friends. She is a typical Southern Marylander. Not only has she been active at St. Mary's, but also in La Plata where her special project is Tommy Posey. Good Luck, Cooksey, in this and your many other projects you may undertake in the years to come.



BARBARA GELSTON

"Oh, youth forever dear! Forever kind."
"Babbie"

Castellan Staff 2; Samadra 1, 2; Cheerleader 1, 2; A. A. Board 2; Choir 1, 2; Home Ec. Club 2; Paper Staff 1, 2; Jr. Varsity Hockey 1, 2; Superlative—Most Musical; Most Typical Sem-Fem.

(Two-year student)

Babbie, that bright combination of mischievous brown eyes and blond hair, has been St. Mary's bombshell for two years now. Under the surface of her sweet and demure manner lies our No. 1 class prankster. Babbie's versatility has been shown by her participation in many varied activities throughout the year. Little People, stuffed animals, and "hill-billy" music are some of the things that characterize Babbie. We will always hear the dorn ringing with her infectious giggles.

Sophomores



LUCILLE HENDERSON

"Lucy"

*"Unless experience be a jewel, her heart
is as true as steel."*

Varsity Basketball 2; Yearbook Staff 2; Choir 2.

(One-year student)

As one of the Sophomores varsity basketball players, Lucille has shown her sportsmanship in this and many other sports. Believing firmly in the Navy and all that it stand for, Lucille leaves us every week-end and returns to her beloved naval base. This summer she is planning to spend some time in Trinidad with her parents.



DIANNE RUTAN

"Jimmie"

"Beauty seen is never lost."

French Club 1, 2; Samadra 1, 2; May Day 1; May Court 2;
Varsity Basketball 1, 2; Jr. Varsity Hockey 2; A. A. Board 2;
Choir 1, 2; Superlative—Prettiest; Athletic Ace.

(Two-year student)

Stop! Look! Who is that tall, willowy, blue-eyed blonde coming down the hall? A second look reveals that is Jimmie Rutan just going down to take another phone call. We, the Sophomores, all know where to find Jimmie. Either on the basketball court, helping to take our team to victory, or curled up in the phone booth. Jimmie's attractiveness, personality, and athletic ability have won her many friends here at S. M. S.

Sophomores

ANNE TILCHMAN

"There is no wisdom like frankness." "Tillie"
Yearbook Staff 2; Student Council 2; Superlative—Wittiest.

(One-year student)

Glancing toward "Tillie's" room, we are not surprised to hear loud shrieks of laughter. Tillie has that knack for keeping us all amused with her twinkling brown eyes and invigorating personality. Beneath this vivacious exterior we find deep sincerity which has won Tillie many friends in her one year at St. Mary's. Tillie has contributed much to our class activities in basketball, modern dance, and swimming.



BETSY WETHERILL

"After the storm, comes the calm." "Wetherill"
Samadra 1, 2; Home Ec. Club 1; Yearbook 2; Jr. Varsity Hockey 1, 2; May Day 1; Expansion Tour 1, 2; Artist and Lecture 1; Superlative—Best Actress; Fashion Queen.

(Two-year student)

If you ever hear someone carrying on and on about the theatre, you would know that this is our Betsy. She is both interested and determined to get her name into the limelights. Having been in all the school plays, she, we hope, will make the grade. There is, however, a balance between being an actress and the halls of the Naval Academy. Betsy is an asset to her class and we hope she will be with us next year.

Sophomore Class History

Green? We were greener than the hockey field in spring when we piled into the Seminary two years ago in September '48. All of us were like scared rabbits those first few days. Especially in the Talent Show when we told the audience, "the Viper's coming, the Viper's coming!" and with the help of Stacy Bennett threw "water" in the audience. Everyone remembers all that Joan Micheals wore that first week. They ought to—she wore the same things every day. Yup, her trunk was sent to Missouri instead of Maryland.

After we'd hurdled the first obstacles of acclimating ourselves to S. M. S., elections were held and poetess Joan Micheals was elected class president. Charlotte Stanton was elected vice-president; Alice Thompson, secretary; Lacy Rees, treasurer; and Gail Teese and Betty Turner, historians. The two representatives for our class on the Student Council were Lacy Rees and Betty Turner.

During that first semester the frosh accomplished many things, like constantly embarrassing Paloma Castro Leal until she gave up trying to be modest and driving the third floor mad with Babbie Gelston and her "guitar."

In each and every school activity the frosh contributed much. Barbara Gelston, Betty Turner, Betsy Wetherill, and Mary Louise Bratt represented our class in the Samadra's fall production "Ladies In Retirement." At the Christmas banquet we presented "Look to This Day" written by Joan Micheals with Gail Teese, Joan Micheals, and Betty Turner. (The frosh were well represented in the night-before-Xmas-misbehavior, too.)

After vacation—voilà! Exams, staring us in the face. I'm sure that in the history of St. Mary's that no more bewildered, flustered freshmen could be found. Finally, with the exams over, there we were—smack in the middle of basketball season. Charlotte Stanton and Dianne Rutan did a great job on the varsity. The class team pulled hard and again showed their good sports-

manship. . . . Basketball season over, and oops! Something else for the Class of '50 frosh to do in a big way—the assembly. Gail Teese and Betty Turner got silly one night and out came our "Murphy's Mellow Mush Juice, Truth or You've Had It" program.

Sometime in February, Joan Micheals left and Charlotte Stanton became our class president. Volley ball and softball season flew by with the frosh playing their best and showing their usual good sportsmanship. The spring production "Only An Orphan Girl" had two freshmen leads. Lacy Rees as the heart-rending heroine, and Betsy Wetherill as the nasty ole villain. Time flew in those last few days but there was still time enough for the freshmen to be impressed with the traditional May Day ceremonies in which many of our class participated. The freshman princess, Catherine Cooksey, made us all very proud of her. Close to the end of the year, freshmen found out what it meant, being undergrads. First of all, tying all the daisies reminded us that even frosh can go "daisy happy," then we were thrilled by the Class Day ceremonies and being capped; and, too, with the pride we felt seeing the graduates receive their many honors, and finally the sorrow we felt in having to leave so many fine friends added to the final outcome, a slightly sad, undergrad feeling.

September '49, after a wonderful vacation—here we were—back at St. Mary's. It was wonderful seeing our old classmates once again and realizing that finally we were sophomores! A graduating class! There were some new members added, and some old lost. Lacy Rees decided to remain among the Mississippi magnolias; Gail Teese stayed with the Army at Camp Lee; and Stacy Bennett is still gracing Baltimore with her presence—now a married woman! However, a new group made us feel complete again, in the presence of Georgia Bennett, Diane Billings, Lucille Henderson and Anne Tilghman.

After going over some old jokes from the previous year, the sophs stopped laughing for a

moment and elected officers. Betty Turner, president; Alice Thompson, vice president; Charlotte Stanton, secretary; and Georgia Bennett, treasurer is our roster. History repeats itself, so they say, and did it again—yes, we had another hockey season. But the tale was different this year; there was still the good sportsmanship, and of course spunk, but as an added attraction, we attained second place by the seniors 2-1. After all the excitement died down, some of our more dramatic members found themselves again showing S. M. S. the unlimited talents of our class, with Betsy Wetherill managing "Jane Eyre" in which Georgia Bennett played Mrs. Fairfax.

To make a little money, we gave a bake sale in November, and to make a little more there was the annual senior-sophomore bazaar before Xmas vacation, with Mary Louise Bratt as jolly old Santa. The bazaar was a big success—turkey sandwich, turkey sandwich? Who'll have a turkey sandwich?—and oh! how the green stuff rolled in. But let's not be mercenary; the sophs are well known for contributing much to the school and that they did again in the skit at the

Christmas Banquet. "Old Peter's Toy Shop" with Betsy Wetherill, Jeanne Adams, and the whole class supporting was our addition to the night's festivities.

In May Day, the Pageant, and the remaining sports—volleyball, softball—the sophomores retained their usual top standards, and showed the school that Sophomores are a necessary, a very necessary hazard, and that they can't be beaten. Our Princesses on the May Court were Dianne Ruran and Barbara Gelston, and with their attractive contributions, the court could not help but be a big success.

Sophomores captured many honors on that day we had all been looking forward to, graduation day. But it is not the honors that made our class one of which we shall always be proud, nor, although it enters in a great deal, is it what we have given to St. Mary's in the way of talent, time, and so forth. The quality that has made our class such a great one is the unity of purpose with the willing, unselfish spirit that the Sophomores of 1950 have always shown.



Sophomore Class Will

We, the members of the class of '50, being in a drowsy state, do herewith set down our Last Will and Testament, admitting it may be contested by those of saner state.

I, Georgia Anne Bennett, will to Dorothy Yeomans my ability to knit argyles; to Dolores Willoughby, my skill and enthusiasm in sports; and to Rebecca McClyment next year's supply of chicle.

I, Marion Diane Billings, hereby bequeath my ability of standing on my head to Dolores Willoughby; my so-called artistic talent to Patricia Myer; and to Cynthia Gard, my extremely neat room.

I, Mary Louise Bratt, will my love for the mountains to Rebecca McClyment; to Dorothy Yeomans a replica of Denny Dimwit's hat; and to Dolores Willoughby my ability to stay on a diet.

I, Catherine Ann Cooksey, will to my little sis, Anne Maxwell, my privilege of taking an unlimited number of weekends; and to my little sis Phyllis Ames complete access to the faculty wing.

I, Barbara Bruce Gelston, will to my little sis, Cynthia Gard, my ability to get a suntan in January, and to Winifred Davis, a bottle of ink eradicator.

I, Edna Lucille Henderson, will my love for singing to Kareen Peterson; to Cynthia Gard and Winifred Davis, my ability to change a room around.

I, Dianne Joan Rutan, will to Anne Maxwell my natural blonde hair; to Phyllis Ames and Rebecca McClyment, my ability to get into a "Smoke" of trouble; to my little sis, Dolores Willoughby, my troubles with the telephone situation, and to Joan Cook, my athletic ability.

I, Charlotte Jane Stanton, will the traditional pink bookcase and my love for the Navy to my little sis, Joan Cook; to Rebecca McClyment my love for a mountainous terrain; and to Margaret Wetherill and Phyllis Ames my knack for letter-writing.

I, Elizabeth Barksdale Turner, will to Cynthia Gard all my week-end privileges, and to Winifred Davis my petiteness.

I, Elizabeth Cortright Wetherill, will a life's subscription of funny books to Winifred Davis; my past interests in CHMA to Dorothy Yeomans, and to uphold the family tradition at St. Mary's to my sister, Margaret Wetherell.

Signed by the maladjusted class of '50.

Witnessed by:

Emma and Beulah



Sophomore Prophecy

By the use of that popular machine of 1960 called "Mental Video", this reporter has recently paid a visit to the members of the graduating Sophomore class of 1950 at S. M. S. The following is a report of what this machine has enabled him to see.

The first picture that flashes on the screen is that of a man and woman sitting before a fire in the library of a home in London, England. By closer observation it was seen that the woman was the former *Betty Turner* who was the president of the class. Unfortunately the light from the fire did not allow positive identification of the gentleman, but somehow his face looked familiar. Betty has lived in her London home for a number of years now and has led a gracious and full life.

The former vice-president, *Alice Thompson*, has returned to St. Mary's Junior College as a Home Economics instructor. Because the Home Economics department has enlarged since she was a student, she does a large and excellent job in instructing both high school and college students.

Charlotte Stanton, the class secretary, had changed her name by obtaining a Mrs. degree. Her skill at typing sixty words a minute is not wasted, however, as she cooperated with her local newspaper by typing some of the copy.

The fourth picture that flashed across the screen was that of the class treasurer, *Georgia Bennett*. She was found to be working in the laboratory of the F. B. I. in Washington. She might remind you of Sherlock Holmes a little; but instead of carrying a magnifying glass, she carries a microscope. You recall that mind of hers at St. Mary's . . . curious.

The former *Dianne Rutan* has found two very fine careers. After graduating from college as a physical education instructor, she married a well established engineer. Her training in physical education was not in vain, for we see that she is very active in the planning of community recreation.

After strenuously brushing paint, we find the familiar squinting object to be *Diane Billings*, of all people. Her hobby turned out to be her means of making a living. Diane is a very successful artist, it seems, as some of her paintings have been exhibited at the National Art



Gallery, Washington, D. C.

In spite of her frankness, *Babbie Gelston* is one of best real estate dealers in the country. The nation is quite familiar with the slogan of Babbie's own real estate company: We just simply hate and can't stand to see vacant houses and unused land. (This statement is flat, but you have to know Babbie to get the point.)

Anne Tilghman, B. S., R. N. Anne has certainly received her share of degrees in the scientific field. She is a firm believer in the saying that "the only way to tell which job is for you is to try them all."

Who is the very busy looking woman sitting behind that beautiful desk? She seems to have every modern facility there is to have for a secretary. And why not — it's Mrs. Thomas Posey, the former *Catherine Cooksey*. She has been helping her husband establish a new business by taking on the secretarial work. They are doing a very fine job, we might add.

Miss Rotha used to worry about *Mary Louise Bratt*'s belief in mercy killings, but Mary Louise is the gentlest kind of a nurse as many people know. Mary Louise went through Nurse's training and is now answering the doctors call for "scapel." Mary Louise always has a friendly smile for anyone who enters the hospital where she is working. She has done a truly grand job since she graduated with us in the class of 1950 at S. M. S.

The reporter also saw another figure dressed in white. This attractive lady attired in white is walking beside a tall, dark man. A closer look reveals the identity of *Lucille Henderson*, now a registered nurse. The young man is none other than her husband whom she met as a student nurse.

This concludes the report on that fabulous class of '50. They were outstanding members of the school, not merely academically, but also in their contributions to St. Mary's many projects and actual school life.

Freshman



CLASS ROLL: Phyllis Ames, Joan Cook, Winifred Davis, Cynthia Gard, Rebecca McClyments, Ann Maxwell, Patricia Meyers, Karen Peterson, Marjorie Wetherill, Dolores Willoughby and Dorothy Youmans.

CLASS HISTORY

September, the beginning of the school at St. Mary's, and the twelve freshmen meet each other, with most of us knowing hardly a soul. But we got to know each other, settled down, and got "adjusted", and began to show signs of class spirit. We began to look around and take stock of our opportunities. First we elected officers, of course. Becky McClyment was elected Class President; Cynthia Gard, Vice President; Margie Wetherill, Secretary; and Beverly Smith, Treasurer. Bev left later, and Phyllis Ames was elected to fill the office. Our council members were Joan Cook and Phyll Ames. Phyll later resigned, and the class elected Cynthia Gard to take her place. Our very able class sponsor was Mrs. Turnburke.

Only one freshman, Gard, was on the cast of "Jane Eyre", but we all helped Mrs. Turnburke, either on crew or costumes. We all worked on

the Christmas pageant. In fact, most of us were in it. Of course, we were all in the Spring pageant, which was the highlight of the year, as far as drama was concerned. Our May Princess was Winifred Davis.

Our skit, "Santa Claus Visits a Salesgirl", which we presented at the Christmas Banquet, was a big success, and so were the blue garters we gave Mrs. Turnburke as a wedding present!! Our King's Daughters program was a religious quiz, which everybody thought was different, to say the least!

During the year we raised funds for our almost empty treasury by selling Christmas cards and chances on a cake. Phyll Ames and Dolores Willoughby were in charge of the card project, and Pat Meyer and Janie Williams sold the chances.

Throughout the year we took an active part in school life; but the best part of the year for the most of us was that great moment when we could at least say we were no longer Freshmen!

—CYNTHIA GARD.

The Juniors

CLASS HISTORY

The Juniors this year started out with some invaluable assets. Our class made up over half of the student body; we had as our capable leader, Olivine Taft, and as our class sponsor and advisor, Miss Hayes.

Christmas week was a busy time for all. The Juniors sponsored a very successful Christmas Dance. The fellows of our choice came from far and near. In addition to our dance, we took second place with our Christmas skit at the annual banquet.

Our class was right on top in the field of sports. Our class teams won the honor of first place in all of the intramurals. The hockey varsity included Mary Lou Pinder, captain; Bert Horsmon, Mary Ann Harryman, Olive Sibley, Pete Parlett, and Joan Whelpley from our class. Also the basketball varsity had as the representatives from our class Bert Horsmon, captain; Mary A. Harryman, Mary Lou Pinder, Olive Sibley, Marian Greenwell, and Barbara Gray.

In addition to being well represented on the teams, we also participated actively on the Ath-

letic Board with eleven members, and on the Student Council with four members.

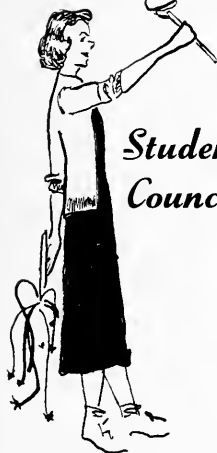
One of the most memorable occasions of the year is May Day. This year the school sponsored a three-day pageant in commemoration of the founding of Maryland. As the grand finale of the program was our annual May Day program. Our representative as May Princess was Olivine Taft.

Then came the days we had all looked forward to with great anticipation — Class Day and Graduation. Of course, to take an active interest in these days, we must wait until next year. But this year we received our caps in the Class Day exercises from our upper classmen, each of us looking forward to next year when we would be bestowing the same honor to our under classmen.

JUNIOR CLASS ROLL—Lee Adams, Joyce Bedell, Lilyan Blackstone, Ann Blackwell, Gay Blackwell, Betsy Briscoe, Barbara Burkley, Calysta Burkley, Louise Campbell, Suzanna Chambers, Carroll Chandler, Carter Cobb, Tommy Cook, Joanne Courtney, Helen Davis, Barbara Gray, Marion Greenwell, Mary Anne Harryman, Gertrude Horsmon, Frank Kauffman, Judy Legg, Barbara Long, Joan Maust, Carl Merson, Shandren Moore, Jean Morris, Sue Ann Myers, Frances Paul, Mary Lou Pinder, Betty Resh, Beverly Sewell, Olive Sibley, Delores Stammer, Olivine Taft, Barbara Thompson, Alma Waters, Joan Whelpley, Barbara Williams, Barbara Witzke and Janet Zimmerman.



Activities



Student Council



STUDENT COUNCIL—First row (l. to r.) Charlotte Stanton, Mary Alice Waesche, Betty Resh, Ann Lewis, Joan Cook, Betty Turner, Olivene Telf, Barbara Gray and Beverly Sewell. Second row: Betty McWilliams, Joyce Busic, Mary Lou Mumford, Cynthia Gard, Suzanne Chambers, Catherine Cooksey and Anne Tilghman.

The Student Council and its efficient membership keeps the Seminary on an even keel and makes the principle of Democracy an everyday experience.

Among its accomplishments have been the compilation of the rules and regulations of the school, the revision of the handbook, and Constitution of the S.F.C.A., and the setting up of an efficient honor system. On the lighter side, it sponsored our May Prom with "Through The Years" as the theme of 1950.

The Athletic Board and association is an important organization on campus. It sponsored various activities throughout the year beginning in the fall with a formal dance and later in the year other functions such as Play Day, when relay games and obstacle races are performed, a banquet is given, and the big event is the May Day and modern dance program for which the choreography is planned by a member of the A. A. Board. It also sponsored a Basketball hop ending the basketball season. The officers of the A. A. Board for 1949-50 were:

President, Mary June Robertson; *Vice President*, Betty McWilliams; *Secretary*, Jerry Rickert; *Treasurer*, Joyce Busic. They, with the remaining members of the board, carried out the various jobs of this organization in an unexcelled manner.



The Athletic Board



A. A. BOARD—Joyce Busic, "Robbie" Robertson, Dianne Rutan, Jerry Rickert, Joan Wheelplay, Olivene Telf, Barbara Thompson, Bert Horsman, Barbara Gelston, Betty Resh, Mary Anne Harryman, Louise Campbell, Mary Lou Pinder, Ann Blackwell, Barbara Gray, Carter Cobb and Miss Betty Eskridge, sponsor.



Glee Club

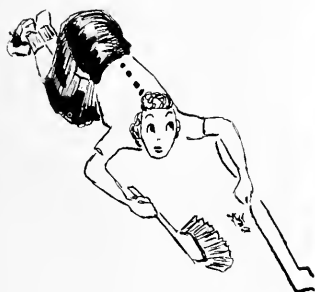
GLEE CLUB ROLL—**First soprano:** Joyce Busic, Suzanne Chambers, Ann Blackwell, Gay Blackwell, Betsy Briscoe, Mary Anne Harryman, Barbara Geiston, Judy Legg, Rebecca McClyments, Sue Ann Myers, Edith Anne Robinson, Delores Parks, Alice Thompson, Barbara Thompson, Mary Alice Waesche and Delores Willoughby. **Second soprano:** Barbara Burkley, Lillian Blackstone, Joanne Courtney, Helen Davis, Gertrude Horsmon, Mary Lou Mumford, Ann Lewis, Joan Maust, Frances Paul and Janet Zimmerman. **Alto:** Phyllis Ames, Calysta Burkley, Joan Cook, Cynthia Gard, Dianne Rutan, Olive Sibley and Charlotte Stenton. **Baritone:** Lee Adams, Carter Cobb, Frank Kauffman and Carl Merson.



Samadra



SAMADRA OFFICERS—Jarvis Cleypooole, Barbara Gray, Joan Maust, Joyce Busic and Mrs. David Turnburke, sponsor.



Home Ec Club



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"Entre-Nous", our French club here at St. Mary's, which means "between us", has had the skilled supervision of Miss Stickney, the language teacher.

Mary Alice Waesche has done a splendid job as the president of this organization. She and the rest of the officers who are Sue Chambers, Vice President, Mary Lou Mumford, Treasurer, and Mary Louise Bratt, Secretary, have made it possible for the club to be successful.

This club sponsored a dance April 1 in the Rec Room. Although the crowd was not large, everyone enjoyed themselves.



FRENCH CLUB—First row (l. to r.) Frances Paul, Dolores Willoughby, Phyllis Ames and Joan Cook. Second row: Miss Stickney, sponsor, Mary Louise Bratt, Mary Lou Mumford, Mary Alice Waesche, Suzanne Chambers and Marjorie Wetherill.

"Entre Nous"

The purpose of this club is to acquaint the members with the customs and language of the French people.

We hope that next year's club will be as successful as the one this year. Au revoir.





The Castellan Staff

The *Castellan* is proof positive of the organizational and literary ability of this group.

With Miss Boggan and Bert's supervision, reminding people of the deadlines, "Bee Jay" rounding up the necessary funds, "Pinsie" cheering on the sports writers and giving them something to write about, "Bobbie" snapping the camera, "Andy" distributing the finished product, and "Bev" assisting Bert, the yearbook was finally assembled. Despite the ruffles and qualms, particularly in reference to the money that just wasn't there, the *Castellan* was completed and we know that within it are all the memories of a happy year.



SEATED (l. to r.)—Charlotte Stanton, Barbara Gray, Bert Horsmon, Miss Boggan, Beverly Sewell. STANDING (l. to r.)—Betty Jayne Laufer, Mary Lou Pinder and Ann Blackwell.

The Signal News

Meeting deadlines, setting up "dummies", proof-reading, typing the stencils—they're all part of creating a newspaper. The *Signal News* can justly feel proud of a job well done, for even though it was only published semi-monthly during the second semester of the school year, it has been an excellent example of the literary ability in S. M. S. The staff is now setting up plans for the organization next year and is envisioning an even better paper in the years to come. Meanwhile, who would guess that "Jerry" Rickert is a slave driver when it comes to meeting deadlines?



THE SIGNAL NEWS STAFF—First row (l. to r.) Charlotte Stanton, Betty Resh, Barbara Gray, Mary Lou Mumford, Jeraldine Rickert, Bert Horsmon and Alice Thompson. Second row: Becky McClyments, Barbara Gelston, Olivene Taft, Dolores Parks, Ann Lewis, Jean Morris, Miss Custis, Mary Lou Pinder, Miss Boggan, Joyce Busic, Barbara Thompson and Betty McWilliams.



Athletics



Hockey

VARSITY HOCKEY TEAM—First row (l. to r.) Betty Jayne Laufer, Mary Anne Harryman, Mary Lou Pinder, Bert Horsmon and Jerry Rickert. Second row: Joan Whelpley, Joyce Busic, Barbara Gray, Olive Sibley, Mary Louise Bratt and Betsy Briscoe.



Hockey, the first major sport of the season, started off in a gala manner as Mary Lou Pinder, hockey manager, started intramural practice. Thanks to hockey, the Juniors began their long winning streak. The season record was one win, two losses and one tie. The annual Army-Navy game was played and Navy again emerged the victor. A most successful season was experienced which will be profitable to future intramural and varsity competition.



Volleyball

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL—First row (l. to r.) Barbara Gray, Mary Anne Harryman, Joyce Busic and Marion Greenwell. Second row: Mary Louise Bratt, Mary Lou Pinder, Bert Horsmon, Jerry Rickert and Joanne Courtney.





Cheerleaders

CHEERLEADERS—Dianne Billings, Ann Lewis, Barbara Gelston, Betty Jayne Laufer, Olivene Taft, Betsy Briscoe and Barbara Thompson.

The cheerleading squad efficiently cheered the various teams to victory. Barbara Thompson, the captain, and her squad initiated many new cheers which aroused school spirit. The squad members were: Billings, Briscoe, Gelston, Lewis, Taft and Williams.



Basketball

BASKETBALL VARSITY—First row (l. to r.) Mary Anne Harryman, Olive Sibley, Bert Horsmon, Jerry Rickert and Mary Lou Pinder. Second row: Lucille Henderson, Carroll Chandler, Barbara Gray, Dianne Rutan, Marion Greenwell and Joyce Busic.



Basketball season was successful with Bert Horsmon, captain of varsity, and her squad winning eight out of twelve games. In intramural competition, the Juniors took top honors. The members of varsity were: Forwards—Horsmon, Harryman, Rickert, Pinder, Sibley, Henderson; Guards—Rutan, Greenwell, Busic, Gray and Muessen. Bert Horsmon was high scorer for the season with 19.3 points per game.

Basketball First Lineup



Bert Horsmon, forward



Mary Anne Harryman, forward



Jerry Rickert, forward



Joyce Basic, guard



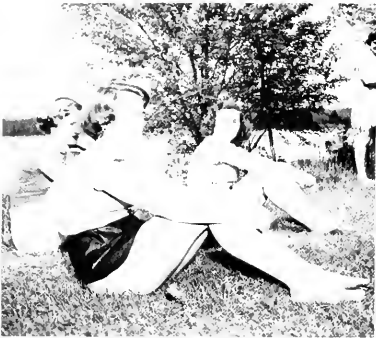
"Jimmy" Rutan, guard



Marion Greenwell, guard

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Senior Class History—Continued

The first week of May was about the busiest of the year. The Pageant, practiced to perfection, started on Thursday, May 4, and extended to noon on Saturday. It was attended by individuals and groups from all over the state, but to us the most important audience was made up of our families and friends. The May Day program was a modern dance interpretation of the changing American Spirit "Through the Years," from the Indians to our own times. The crowning event of the afternoon was the May Procession, with Mary June Robertson looking very lovely in her white gown. Our princesses were Mary Lee Witzke in blue, and Ann Lewis in green. Also, Joyce Busic, up from the Apple Blossom Festival, was Guest of Honor, and she wore her lavender-pink dress from the Festival. May Day closed with new happiness to be treasured always as part of the brightness of Seminary life — and with the May Prom, also done on the theme "Through the Years," came a very perfect climax to a perfect week. May passed rapidly. On Alumnae weekend we were introduced to this

active organization. The weekend was unusual as well as entertaining. June week brought the end of exams and Play Day — which played us out but was great fun. It closed with the A. A. Banquet — and now we really realized that the year was almost over. Saturday was Class Day — our first chance to wear the coveted caps and gowns. As we capped our Junior sisters we wished them the best of everything for next year. We planted our ivy, that symbol of all we have given and received in our years at St. Mary's. But time was short and that night was the graduation dance, with Baccalaureate, Graduation, and an Ocean City vacation still before us.

Graduation was a much-looked-forward-to event, but when it was over there were admitted lumps in our throats. Yet it was with a genuine sense of accomplishment that we left St. Mary's — proud to have been here, to have participated in Seminary life both socially and academically, and to be alumnae of such a college.

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